



# The Arrow

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## Selectmen Launch Economic Development Group *By Tad Redway, Town Planner*



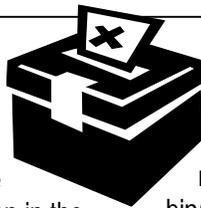
The question has been asked many times by Arundel residents and business people alike- *“How do we attract business to the Town that will both increase tax revenues and provide the goods and services we need in our community?”*

Undoubtedly many residents and business owners have a suggestion or two on how to answer that question. Despite sponsoring a number of studies over the years, the Town still lacks a coordinated strategy to encourage new business development. In the past year, the Strategic Planning Committee has been grappling with this problem and concluded that the Town would benefit from the formation of a dedicated Economic Development Committee.

The mission of this proposed Economic Development Committee or EDC, is 1) to develop and implement a comprehensive economic development program that evaluates the town's business opportunities and liabilities, 2) assess Arundel's market opportunities, 3) formulate a branding program to enhance the town's image and competitive position, and 4) introduce a phased action strategy to retain existing and attract new entrepreneurial and business ventures to the community. The EDC will work closely with the Selectmen on planning any infrastructure improvements and grants and funding mechanisms and collaborate with the Planning Board on crafting zoning revisions that will enhance business climate in Arundel. In addition, the EDC will build cooperative relationships with the local Chambers of Commerce, business groups, site location firms, and state agencies that will help Arundel to expand its business base.

## Changes in election laws affect Absentee Voting

Simone Boissonneault, Clerk



For the November 8, 2011 Referendum Election, the deadline to request an absentee ballot or to vote in person in the clerk's office is Thursday, November 3, 2011. Under special circumstances a voter or immediate family member may complete an application, stating one of three allowable reasons for requesting an absentee ballot after this deadline of Nov. 3rd. The three reasons are:

- An unexpected absence from the municipality during the entire time the polls are open on election day;
- A physical disability, or an incapacity or illness that makes the voter unable to leave home or a treatment facility; or
- An inability to travel to the polls because the voter is a resident of a coastal island ward or precinct.

This special circumstances application must be signed by the voter. This application can be obtained at the town office or from the Secretary of State.

You don't need to have a specific reason or be unable to vote at the polls on Election Day to receive an absentee ballot before the deadline. This has NOT changed. You may vote absentee at the clerk's office as soon as absentee ballots are available, usually 30 days before the election. If you vote in person at the clerk's of-

fice, you don't need to complete an application. If you or an immediate family member wants to take a ballot out of the office or have it mailed, you must complete an application. Applications are available from the municipal clerk or online at: <http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>. You can also make a telephone request for your own ballot, which will be mailed to the address you provide to the clerk.

You may make a written request for a “third person” (someone other than the voter or the voter's immediate family member) to obtain and hand-deliver an absentee ballot. You must designate, in a written request or application, the specific third person who will handle and deliver the ballot. Only this designated third person may handle the absentee ballot. Ballots cast in this way must be witnessed by either a notary public, a municipal clerk, a clerk of courts, or 2 other witnesses.

**NOTE: Ballots obtained by the voter or an immediate family member do not require witnesses, unless the voter receives assistance from another person in reading or marking the ballot.**

To be counted, voted absentee ballots must be received by the municipal clerk by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

You may still register to vote on Election Day this November 8, 2011 although we encourage pre-registration. Please bring proof of identification such as a Driver's license or State ID and proof of residency if not listed on your ID. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Town Office at 985-4201.



## Holiday Programs by Wendy Lank, Social Service Dir.

Arundel offers four programs to its residents each year during the holiday season. If you or if you know of someone who may benefit from one or more of these please do not hesitate to give me a call at 985-4201 or stop by the Town Office to see me.

**Thanksgiving Baskets** – If you are financially strapped, it's hard to prepare for something as special as Thanksgiving. We are here to help families and seniors in our town who would otherwise not be able to afford to have the traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. If you would like to be placed on my list to receive a Thanksgiving Basket please give me a call no later than November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Project Pilgrim** – This is an annual Thanksgiving dinner to ensure that all members of our community will enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner in the company of others. The volunteer staff prepares and serves a festive dinner, delivers dinners to the homes of community members and recipients of Meals on Wheels and also transports guests to the dinner held at St. Martha's Parish Hall on Thanksgiving Day. We encourage senior citizens and single household residents to utilize this program. In addition to a wonderful meal you will enjoy being in the company of others for the holiday as well. If you are interested in this program please give me a call in November and I can give you the time of the event.



**Secret Santa** – Secret Santa provides gifts to children of families in need. If you would like an application, please call or stop by my office to request one. All applications will need to be returned to me no

later than November 4<sup>th</sup> so that the tags will be ready to be placed on our Christmas Tree. On Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> the Town will have its tree set up in the lobby of the Town Hall with the tags bearing a "most wanted" or "needed" gift for a child. Anyone wishing to take a tag from the tree would need to purchase that item and return it back to the Town Hall no later than December 12<sup>th</sup>. After this date Secret Santa volunteers will go out and purchase the items that have not been received so they can be boxed and distributed to the families the week before Christmas.

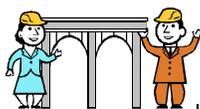
**Elder Elves** – This is a wonderful program that provides gifts to the elderly residents who live alone and that do not have family around to provide them with Christmas Gifts. If you know of someone that falls into this category, please give me a call with the name and address of that resident and we will be sure to make their Christmas as special as we can.



### On Another Note

**Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund "Circuit breaker" Program Applications** are available at the town office. It only takes a few minutes to fill out and you may be eligible for a refund of up to \$1,600. Deadline for applying is May 31, 2012.

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** – Homeowners or Renters who are at or below the income guidelines may be eligible for LIHEAP assistance. You can schedule your fuel assistance appointment online at [www.yccac.org](http://www.yccac.org) or by calling 1-800-965-5762.



## Bridge over the Turnpike Open!

*By Tad Redway, President Eastern Trail Management District*

In case you missed the newspaper and TV reports, the Eastern Trail pedestrian bridge over the Maine Turnpike is officially open and now links the Arundel section of the Eastern Trail with the West Kennebunk section. At the ribbon-cutting ceremony held at the Kennebunk Elementary School on September 28<sup>th</sup>, over 700 students, supporters and dignitaries marched across the newly finished bridge led by a Scottish bagpiper, Maine Turnpike Authority Chairman Peter Mills, and "Miles the Moose". Chairwomen Velma Jones Hayes of the Arundel Board of Selectmen joined in the march and helped to celebrate the opening of this important recreational resource.

With the opening of the Turnpike Bridge, Arundel cyclists, runners, walkers, and nature lovers can enjoy traveling the Eastern Trail through woodlands, across fields, streams and rivers for 6.2 unbroken miles between West Cole Road in Biddeford to Route 35 in West Kennebunk. Trailhead parking areas are available at the back of the Southern Maine Medical Center parking lot and at the Kennebunk Elementary School where a connector trail links the school parking lot with the Eastern Trail. In Arundel, trail users can park at the Arundel Town Hall and walk down Limerick Road to the Trail crossing.

Free Trail maps are available at the Arundel Town Hall. For more information call the Eastern Trail Management District at 207 284-9260 or call the Arundel Town Hall at 207 985-4201.



## Mildred L. Day Update

- Principal Kevin Crowley

On September 6<sup>th</sup>, the Mildred L. Day School came back to life as 248 students filled our classrooms. The hallways echoed with the sounds of students and teachers who were excited to begin this year's journey. Our custodial staff consisting of Tom Cressey and Terry Roberts has worked diligently on the building and grounds and each are deserving of our praise. The pride this team has taken in their work and our school is so very apparent in all that they do. While the building itself is more than fifty years old, these folks work hard to make it shine like it is new. Renovations to our school this summer include a "facelift" for our library and new furniture, which is due to arrive in late October, an updated computer system, 36 new laptop computers for classroom use, 5 new Smart Boards in our classrooms, renovated tutoring rooms, an additional conference room and 6 of our classrooms, as well as 7 other spaces have received a fresh coat of paint. Finally, through the generosity of the Education Foundation of the Kennebunks & Arundel we will be constructing an outdoor classroom this fall.

Once again the Mildred L. Day School teachers have taken a system-wide leadership role in staff development and curriculum review during the summer. Our staff have developed new curriculum materials, taken graduate courses, and volunteered in special needs classrooms. We are also planning a new robotics program and a twist to our music program that will include a "Trash Can Band". We are pleased to welcome three new teachers to our staff.

-Mr. Kent Chapman - Grade 4 teacher. Mr. Chapman rejoins RSU 21 after a few years away in California. He has previously taught at the Consolidated School in Kennebunkport, in Portland, and in California. He is a child centered educator who infuses excitement into his classroom on a daily basis. While in California, his classroom was one of 8 nationally to be honored by the Today Show for engaged learning.

-Katie Jensen – Grade 1 teacher. Mrs. Jensen joins RSU 21 after ten successful years teaching in SAD 57. She has taught sixth grade and first grade. Katie is a seasoned teacher who brings to MLD a warm and caring attitude. Katie is an out-



standing educator who was honored as the "Teacher of the Year" in her previous district.

- Nicole Bretton – Guidance counselor. Mrs. Bretton joins the MLD staff in her first assignment as a new counselor. Nicole earned her BA at Curry College and has earned her Master's degree in counseling as well. Nicole will be in the building starting at 10:30 each day. This past year Nicole coached both Basketball and Softball at Kennebunk High School.

In early September, we were fortunate to have a guest artist visit with our students. Ibiyinka Olufemi Alao is a Nigerian artist, who in 2001 was named as Nigeria's Ambassador of Art. He also won acclaim when he was named by the United Nations as the top artist in the world in 2003. Ibiyinka spoke with our children about his art and later held a workshop for our Talented Artist Program. On Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> more than 40 Mildred L Day School students and staff rode their bicycles over to the opening ceremonies for the Eastern Trail. Our band of cyclists was led by the Parks and Recreation Director Jenn Dumas. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful day, however, there were some tired legs when we returned!

Later this month, the school will host Nantz Comyns, a local artist who will work with the entire school on a naturalist installation. The final product will be a life size moose made from twigs and branches. Nantz sends a very strong message about the need and benefit in reusing much of what we throw away. In November, writing coach Pam Taylor will join our staff for three days of in-service work as we continue to build our capacity to teach writing to our students.

This week our children are completing the NECAPS, which is the state mandated testing program. We are very proud of their effort and attitude as they work their way through these assessments. Perhaps the highlight of the start to our school year was the response from the entire Arundel community as we supported First Grader Isabelle Levesque and her walk to help end Juvenile Diabetes. More than one hundred and twenty-five people from our school and this community joined together and walked with Isabelle. Together we raised more than \$11,500 toward the fight against this terrible disease. As you can see, this is a busy place! On behalf of the students and teachers please know how much we appreciate your continued support!



## Public Works and Our Roads

by Roger Taschereau, PWD

The Town of Arundel's road system is a very important part of its infrastructure. When part of it is damaged or blocked from a storm many lives are affected and disrupted. Our ability to give emergency services is threatened and the way we travel to and from work, school or to get necessary supplies are compromised.

We currently maintain 46 miles of roads in the Town of Arundel. This figure does not include Route 1 and Route 111. Log Cabin Road, which is considered a major collector road, is maintained by the Maine Department of Transportation during the summer months and the Town of Arundel during the winter months. All other roads are maintained year round by the Arundel Public Works Department.

Our basic plan and goal is to keep the good roads in good shape and slowly work to improve the quality of all other roads. This is accomplished by doing continuous maintenance on drainage issues such as cleaning ditches and replacing culverts. In recent years we have worked on base rehabilitation to improve the foundation of these roadways. We are often asked how we keep our roads so good during the winter season. It is because of the maintenance that we do during the summer. We must stay the course and keep our maintenance at its current levels or our infrastructure will crumble and cost more to rebuild than to repair.



## RSU 21 Update

- Superintendent Andrew Dolloff



Along with the many exciting events taking place at the Mildred L. Day School, the school district is preparing for a busy academic year at all levels. 123 of our Arundel students in grades 6-8 are attending Thornton Academy Middle School in this sixth year of that ten-year public tuition agreement. This represents a drop of 24 students from the previous school year, which is in line with the predictions made for our district in a recent enrollment study. At the high school level, students from Arundel have enrolled at several area high schools with the vast majority attending Thornton Academy, followed by Kennebunk High School and Biddeford High School. Wherever our students choose to attend, we encourage them to take advantage of all that their respective schools have to offer.

One of the biggest challenges facing the district is the condition of several of our buildings. Although Kennebunk Elementary School, Sea Road School, and Middle School of the Kennebunks should all be in excellent shape for the foreseeable future, our remaining three buildings are in need of significant attention. The Mildred L. Day School, along with Kennebunkport Consolidated School and Kennebunk High School, has been the subject of a study by Harriman Architects and Engineers. After receiving Harriman's recommendations, the District Facilities Committee has recommended that work be completed at an estimated cost of \$3.7M to bring the building up to code, address life-safety, security, and efficiency concerns, and eliminate the need for portable classrooms for music and art. Combined with similar work at Consolidated School and a major renovation project at Kennebunk High School, it is clear that the district will be asking its citizens to make a considerable investment in these facilities. The goal for both M.L. Day and Consolidated School will be to extend the life of each building by another 20 years. The Facilities Committee will hold three Public Forums to provide each citizen with the opportunity to learn more about these proposals. The first forum will begin at 7:00 p.m. on October 25 at Kennebunk High School, with facility tours beginning at 6:00 p.m. On November 3, the second public forum will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Mildred L. Day School, and the final public forum will be held at Consolidated School on November 17, also at 7:00 p.m. Individuals are encouraged to attend any and all of these forums, regardless of your town of residence.

Recent legislation has been enacted that allows towns wishing to withdraw from a newly formed RSU to circulate petitions as soon as 30 months following the formation of the district. For RSU 21, that date is January 1, 2012. We anticipate that this will lead to a discussion regarding the makeup of our district. In its report to the RSU

Board the Facilities Committee clearly stated that it recognizes that the decision to stay in the district or to leave the RSU will be for the townspeople of Arundel, but the Committee encouraged a position of unity. That is a sentiment I support, as the investments in facilities, staffing, and programming for Arundel's students have produced impressive results, and the rest of the district has benefitted from the energy, skills, and experience that Arundel's staff and students bring to the RSU. Beyond that, I have enjoyed working with the people of Arundel throughout my two years with the district, and I hope that work can continue for years to come.

One of the most impactful groups working to benefit our students is the Education Foundation of the Kennebunks and Arundel. Raising funds privately to support public education, EFKA has provided grants to teachers in the district for the past five years. Very soon, we anticipate the Foundation will surpass the \$500,000 mark for funds raised and directed to our schools. On October 24, 25, and 26, volunteers will be calling homes throughout the district to ask for financial support as part of the Foundation's third annual call-a-thon. If you would like to become involved in the Foundation's work, please contact us at 985-1100.

I encourage all citizens to become involved in our schools, whether it be through volunteering in classrooms, running for public office, or serving as a mentor for students who aspire to work in your area of expertise. Viewing our website ([www.rsu21.net](http://www.rsu21.net)) will provide you with information about upcoming meetings as well as exciting events taking place at each of our buildings. With three upcoming public forums, and bi-monthly public meetings held by the Board of School Directors, your opportunities for actively engaging in the educational process are plentiful. We welcome your input and invite you to join us at your earliest convenience as we work to provide our students with a robust and rigorous educational experience.

### Upcoming School District Meetings:

- RSU Board of School Directors October 17 - 7:00 p.m. Kennebunk Elementary School
- Public Forum - Facilities October 25 - 7:00 p.m. Kennebunk High (Tours at 6 p.m.)
- Public Forum - Facilities November 3 - 7:00 p.m. Mildred L. Day School
- RSU Board of School Directors - November 7 - 7:00 p.m. Kennebunk Elementary School
- Public Forum - Facilities - November 17 - 7:00 p.m. K'port Consolidated School

Thank you for your continued interest in our schools. I look forward to seeing you at our public meetings.

## Dog Licenses Available

The 2012 Dog Licenses are here! Reminder: All dogs 6 months of age or older must be licensed. Fees are \$6 for dogs spayed or neutered and \$11 for dogs capable of producing offspring. A \$25 late fee applies after Jan. 30, 2012.



Thank You to the following sponsors who contributed to the printing cost for the May Newsletter.

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## Parks & Recreation

by Jenn Dumas, Rec Director



We are pleased to announce that we now have a Rec BUS, available for the transportation needs of the town's recreation programs including half-day, vacation week & no school day trips, along with our summer camps for grades K-8, as well as plans for future adult, preschool & family trips as well. Please be in touch to let us know what kind of bus trips you would like to attend, and what your preference is for scheduling (weekdays, weeknights, weekends, etc). Shopping trips (where)? Theater or sports events (be specific)? We need your input! The Rec office can be reached at (207) 286-9241 or [arundelrec@roadrunner.co](mailto:arundelrec@roadrunner.co) You can also follow our adventures on Facebook by requesting to join our group "Arundel Recreation Department."

Thanks to the many people involved in making our Rec bus a reality -- and when you see them, please give thanks to Phil Labbe of Labbe Excavation for finding us this bus at an auction for \$1800 (no, that isn't a typo), to Champion Auto Body for giving us a HECK of a deal on this quality paint job, and to Arundel Public Works for working their magic to make this 1999 bus as good as new!



Do you know a little one who would like to see SESAME STREET LIVE "Elmo Makes Music" at the Cumberland County Civic Center?

We are offering a low group rate of \$10 per person, which includes admission to the show, a snack during the show, and bus transportation to and from. The show is on Friday, December 9 at 10:30am, bus will depart at 9:15am from Arundel Public Works parking lot. Children accompanied by parents/caregivers are welcome, along with Daycare groups (pick-up and drop-off at Arundel daycare centers can be arranged). Children must be accompanied by adults, as supervision will not be provided by Rec staff. Minimum enrollment required: 20. Maximum enrollment: 60, first come, first serve. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Thursday, 11/17/11.**

In November, we will offer a half-day trip for MLD students on Wednesday, 11/2, along with full-day trips on Monday, 11/21 & Tuesday, 11/22. Our Travel Basketball program for grades 4-6 will start in November along with Winter Cheering for grades K-5. Preschool for ages 3-5 and Pee-Wee Basketball for grades K-3 programs begin after the holidays. We would like to offer an adult trip in November as well, but need your feedback to make it happen. Please bookmark the town's website and check the Rec page of-

ten for updates and program information <http://www.arundelmaine.org> The registration deadline for our programs is usually the Thursday prior to the start of the program, with no exceptions for any reason in an effort to offer you well-organized programs. We understand that life is busy and things pop up at the last minute, so you are encouraged to sign up well in advance of the deadline to avoid missing out.



Please mark your calendar now! The annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on the evening of Friday, December 2nd. We look forward to offering horse-drawn sleigh/wagon rides, listening to caroling by MLD students, visiting with friends & neighbors over cookies and hot chocolate, and having Santa join us for photos with each child.

We would like to extend a sincere thanks to Ted St. Amand and Atlantic Pest Solutions for treating our town-owned soccer and little league fields at no charge. We appreciate the help keeping the children of Arundel safe from the dangers of tick and mosquito bites.

Other upcoming winter programs will include Men's Open Gym and Adult co-ed Dodgeball on Sunday evenings. Stay tuned for more details.

## Arundel Historical Society

The Arundel Historical Society has been gearing up for its October events. Many of you have participated in past years and we look forward to seeing you again and hopefully, some new folks will join us as well! Saturday, October 1 was our annual Craft Fair. Once again, we had a nice variety of crafts and lots of folks came in to look at and purchase some quality items. Refreshments, a bake sale, and raffles all helped to support the historical society.

The Lobster Company and Bentley's are planning a Lobster Bake to benefit the AHS on Sunday, October 23. Watch for more information about this upcoming event!

Saturday, October 29 is the day for our Harvest Baked Beans & Pasta Supper, also at M.L. Day School. The supper begins at 4:30 and goes until 6pm. As always, we will have some historical items on display and, yes, raffles. From 2:30 to 6pm a variety of vendors will be available as well. They will include Lia Sophia Jewelry, The Pampered Chef, Tupperware, and Scentsy Candles. Each vendor makes a generous contribution to the historical society. Our past suppers have been well attended and have become quite the local social events...come and visit with your neighbors!

AHS directors have also been working on getting our two old farmhouses moved. A tremendous amount of time and effort has



gone into the planning and execution of this major project. We have been fortunate to have many individuals and businesses make contributions of money and services, but we still have a long way to go. You may have noticed that the Burnham house has been excavated and raised in preparation for the move. The Lunt house will soon be prepared as well. If you would like to become involved in this project in some way by providing your time and/or skills, please let us know. Of course, if you are interested in making a cash donation, large or small, funds are needed and would be most welcome.

We would be remiss if we did not take this opportunity to once again thank all of you who provide us with support in so many ways: by attending our events or volunteering time and supplies to make them happen; by joining us as members and/or making donations; by donating goods or services; or by providing us with photographs, newspaper articles, artifacts, and the names of Arundel's veterans. We assure you that each contribution you make, in whatever form, is important and greatly appreciated!

If you would like to contact us, you can do so by mail at 3 Talbot Drive, Arundel; via e-mail: [info@arundelhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@arundelhistoricalsociety.org); or by phone: Jake Hawkins [President] 283-9699. Visit our website: [www.arundelhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.arundelhistoricalsociety.org) to find out more about our organization and old farmhouse project.





**State of Maine Referendum Election  
November 8, 2011—Sample  
8 am to 8 pm**



**Question 1: People's Veto**

Do you want to reject the section of Chapter 399 of the Public Laws of 2011 that requires new voters to register to vote at least two business days prior to an election?

**Question 2: Citizen Initiative**

Do you want to allow a slot machine facility at a harness racing track in Biddeford or another community within 25 miles of Scarborough Downs, subject to local approval, and at a harness racing track in Washington County, with part of the profits from these facilities going to support specific state and local programs?

**Question 3: Citizen Initiative**

Do you want to allow a casino with table games and slot machines in Lewiston, with part of the profits going to support specific state and local programs?

**Question 4: Constitutional Amendment**

Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to change the years of redistricting the Maine Legislature, congressional districts and county commissioner districts after 2013 from 2023 and every 10th year thereafter to 2021 and every 10th year thereafter?

**November 8 , 2011**

**Special Municipal Referendum Election  
Arundel Fire Station 8 am to 8 pm**



The Town will hold a special referendum election to vote on amendments to the Arundel Town Charter. The Charter Review Committee along with the Board of Selectmen have approved various amendments to update the Charter to include current committees and delete committees that are no longer active as well as clarification of duties, terms and guidelines. Another proposed amendment requested by the Arundel Fire-Rescue would be the addition of the position of Fire Chief as an appointed official.

**A PUBLIC HEARING** on the Referendum Questions to be voted on at the polls at this November election will be held on **Monday, October 24th, at the Mildred L. Day School Library at 7 pm.** Copies of the Sample Ballot and Proposed Charter as amended is available on the Town of Arundel's web site at [www.arundelmaine.org](http://www.arundelmaine.org)

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**State of Maine Online services at<http://www.state.me.us/>**

# Route 1 Business Questionnaire

By Tad Redway, Town Planner

The Arundel Planning Board has been in the process of redesigning and rewriting the Town's Land Use Ordinance, with a particular focus on reexamining the effectiveness of regulations in the business districts. In an effort to better understand issues in the Route 1 corridor, the Planning Board held a workshop on August 25, 2011 to solicit input and discussion with business and property owners. Attended by approximately 20 citizens and business owners, the group tackled a wide range of issues, as well as entertaining a number of creative solutions.

In order to encourage more input from the community, the Planning Board has developed a questionnaire located on the back of this page and available also for downloading from the town website [www.arundelmaine.org](http://www.arundelmaine.org). PDF emails may be sent to [townplanner@roadrunner.com](mailto:townplanner@roadrunner.com). Any questions, please call 985-4201 and ask for the Planner.



Please fill out the questionnaire, fold on dotted line, tape and mail to the address printed.



Questionnaires may also be dropped off at the Town Clerk's Office in the Town Hall.

Additional printed copies of the questionnaire are also available at the Town Hall as well.

**Thanks for participating!**

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# Arundel Planning Board

## Rte 1 Business District Workshop Questionnaire

### Information about you

1. Are you: \_\_\_\_An Arundel Business owner \_\_\_\_An Arundel Resident \_\_\_\_I work at an Arundel Business
2. How long have you owned your business in Arundel? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many years have you resided in Arundel? \_\_\_\_Part-time \_\_\_\_Full time
4. What kind of business are you engaged in ? \_\_\_\_\_

### Opinions on the Business Conditions in Arundel

A. Please provide a rating for the following questions on a 1 to 5 scale with 1 = Very Poor, 2=Poor, 3=Average, 4=Good , and 5=Excellent

- a. The business climate in Arundel due to its location and market area\_\_\_\_\_
- b. The prospect for your business to grow in Arundel in the next 5 years \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Town regulations impact upon the profitability of your business\_\_\_\_\_
- d. Your property's ability to accommodate the expansion of your business \_\_\_\_\_
- e. The visual appearance of Rte 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- f. The reputation of the Town to enhance your business \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Prospect that you can attract more customers from the region in the future\_\_\_\_\_
- h. Zoning \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Sign regulations\_\_\_\_\_
- j. Traffic on Rte 1 as it affects your business\_\_\_\_\_ Is there enough customer traffic on Rte 1\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

B. What do you think are the worst things about doing business on Rte 1 in Arundel?

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C. What do you think are the best things about doing business on Rte 1 in Arundel?

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D. What kind of businesses would you like to see on Rte 1 in Arundel in the future?

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E. If you could wave a magic wand to improve Arundel and the Rte 1 corridor, what would you wish for?

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